Executive Proclamation
State of South Dakota
Office of the Governor

Whereas, The state of South Dakota is the home of Ruben Alvin Schnabel, and we are richer because Ruben lives among us; and,

Whereas, Birthdays commemorate the first day of our lives, and we celebrate the birthdays of those we love as we recognize the joys and sorrows we have shared, the strength we have gained from the obstacles and hardships we have conquered, and the small daily pleasures life offers; and,

Whereas, Ruben was born August 24, 1913, in Tripp County, to Karl and Christina Schnabel, the firstborn of five children; and,

Whereas, Ruben married Inez Lunn on June 4, 1944, and they gave life and love to six children: Robert, David, Linda, Michael, Jacqueline, and Christine; and,

Whereas, Ruben was a farmer, state employee, helped with the construction of Mount Rushmore, was employed by the Civilian Conservation Corps in the 1930s planting shelter belts throughout the state, worked for the Lyman County Highway Department, and enjoys fishing, hunting, woodworking, and gardening; and,

Whereas, Ruben resides in Alexandria, South Dakota, and will observe his 90th Birthday with all the good wishes, fanfare, and celebration such a milestone warrants, as his friends and relatives gather to honor him and celebrate his life and the camaraderie of the day; and it is fitting and proper for the Governor to make note of this milestone in the life of a man who has lived an exemplary life for all to emulate:

Now, Therefore, I, M. Michael Rounds, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim August 24, 2003, as

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in South Dakota, and I join his friends and relatives in wishing him a very happy birthday, good health, and great happiness.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Eighteenth Day of July in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Three.

M. Michael Rounds

M. Michael Rounds, Governor

Attest:

Chris Nelson

Chris Nelson, Secretary of State